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(54) Title: POLYETHYLENE FILMS FOR PACKAGING

(57) Abstract: An elastic film comprising a polymer blend comprising (percent by weight): 1) 50 to 80% of an ethylene polymer composition comprising a recurring unit derived from an ester selected from (1) ethylenically unsaturated organic monomer of esters of unsaturated C₃-C₂₀ monocarboxylic acids and C₁, to C₂₄ monovalent aliphatic or alicyclic alcohols, and (2) vinyl esters of saturated C₂-C₁₈ carboxylic acids, wherein the ester content ranging from 2.5 to 8 wt% based on the total weight of the final ethylene polymer composition; the ethylene polymer composition having a density ranging from 0.920 to 0.935 g/mL; and 2) 20 to 50% of an ethylene-based polymer component having a density ranging from 0.9 to 0.930 g/mL and a melt flow rate up to 4 g/10 min. The film that has a ratio between the MD Elmendorf tear resistance and TD Elmendorf tear resistance of 0.3 or less is suitable for pallet application as banding tape.



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Elastic film comprising: (I) ethylene polymer composition and (II)(i) a linear polyethylene. Banding tape thereof.

2. claims: 1 (second part), 4, 5, 6 (as referred to claim 1, 2nd. part)

Elastic film comprising (I) ethylene polymer composition and (II)(ii) a blend of polyethylene and (ii) an interpolymer of propylene/alpha-olefin/ethylene having a xylene insoluble fraction greater than 70%. Banding tape thereof.

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